

(b) TOTAL AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURES.—The total amount expended under this Act may not exceed \$5,500,000,000. If the payments required by this Act would result in expenditures in excess of such amount, the Secretary shall reduce such payments on a pro rata basis as necessary to ensure that such expenditures do not exceed such amount.

#### SEC. 12. REGULATIONS.

(a) PROMULGATION.—As soon as practicable after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary and the Commodity Credit Corporation, as appropriate, shall promulgate such regulations as are necessary to implement this Act and the amendments made by this Act. The promulgation of the regulations and administration of this Act shall be made without regard to—

(1) the notice and comment provisions of section 553 of title 5, United States Code;

(2) the Statement of Policy of the Secretary of Agriculture effective July 24, 1971 (36 Fed. Reg. 13804), relating to notices of proposed rulemaking and public participation in rulemaking; and

(3) chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code (commonly known as the "Paperwork Reduction Act").

(b) CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW OF AGENCY RULEMAKING.—In carrying out this section, the Secretary shall use the authority provided under section 808 of title 5, United States Code.

(c) This section shall be effective one day after enactment.

#### AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

##### COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry be allowed to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 31, 2001. The purpose of this hearing will be to discuss conservation on working lands for the next Federal farm bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

##### COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 31, 2001, at 9:30 a.m., in open session to consider the nominations of: John P. Stenbit to be Assistant Secretary of Defense for Command, Control, Communication and Intelligence; Ronald M. Sega to be Director of Defense Research and Engineering; Mario P. Fiori to be Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations and Environment; H. T. Johnson to be Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Installations and Environment; Michael L. Dominguez to be Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Manpower and Reserve Affairs; Michael Parker to be Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works; and Nelson F. Gibbs to be Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Installations and Environment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

##### COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on

Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Tuesday, July 31, 2001, at 2:30 p.m., on spectrum management and third generation wireless.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

##### COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 31, 2001, to consider the nominations of Robert Bonner to be Commissioner of Customs; Rosario Marin to be Treasurer of the United States; Jon Huntsman, Jr., to be Deputy United States Trade Representative; Alex Azar II, to be General Counsel of the Department of Health and Human Services; and Janet Rehnquist to be Inspector General of the Department of Health and Human Services.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

##### COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 31, 2001, at 11 a.m., to hold a nomination hearing.

Nominees: The Honorable R. Nicholas Burns, of Massachusetts, to be United States Permanent Representative on Council of NATO with rank of Ambassador; the Honorable Daniel R. Coats, of Indiana, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany; Mr. Craig R. Stapleton, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to the Czech Republic; the Honorable Johnny Young, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Slovenia; and Mr. Richard J. Egan, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to Ireland.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

##### COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 31, 2001, at 11 a.m., to hold a nomination hearing.

Nominees: Mr. Vincent M. Battle, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Lebanon; the Honorable Edward William Gnehm, Jr., of Georgia, to be Ambassador to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan; the Honorable Edmund J. Hull, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Yemen; the Honorable Richard H. Jones, of Nebraska, to be Ambassador to the State of Kuwait; the Honorable Theodore H. Kattouf, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Syrian Arab Republic; and Ms. Maureen Quinn, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the State of Qatar.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

##### COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to

meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 31, 2001, at 2 p.m., to hold a nomination hearing.

Nominees: Ms. Carole Brookins, of Indiana, to be United States Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development; Mr. Ross J. Connelly, of Maine, to be Executive Vice President of Overseas Private Investment Corporation; Ms. Jeanne L. Phillips, of Texas, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, with the rank of Ambassador; Mr. Randal Quarles, of Utah, to be United States Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund; and Mr. Patrick M. Cronin, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Administrator (for Policy and Program Coordination) of the United States Agency for International Development.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

##### COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 31, 2001, at 4 p.m., to hold a nomination hearing.

Nominees: Mr. Robert G. Loftis, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Lesotho; the Honorable Joseph G. Sullivan, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zimbabwe; and Mr. Christopher W. Dell, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Angola.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

##### COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Tuesday, July 31, 2001, at 2:30 p.m., to consider the nomination of Daniel Levinson to be Inspector General, General Services Administration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

##### COMMITTEE ON HEALTH EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet for a hearing on Workplace Safety and Asbestos Contamination during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 31, 2001, at 2 p.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

##### COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet on July 31, 2001, at 10 a.m., in room 485, Russell Senate Building to conduct a business meeting on pending committee business, to be followed immediately by a hearing on Indian Health Care Improvement Act focusing on urban Indian Health Care Programs.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

## SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL PARKS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on National Parks of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 31, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing. The subcommittee will receive testimony on S. 689, to convey certain Federal properties on Governors Island, NY; S. 1175, to modify the boundary of Vicksburg National Military Park to include the property known as Pemberton's Headquarters, and for other purposes; S. 1227, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Niagara Falls National Heritage Area in the State of New York, and for other purposes; and H.R. 601, to redesignate certain lands within the Craters of the Moon National Monument, and for other purposes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

## SUBCOMMITTEE ON SEAPOWER

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Seapower of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 31, 2001, at 2:30 p.m., in open session to receive testimony on Navy shipbuilding programs, in review of the Defense authorization request for fiscal year 2002.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

## PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. WELLSTONE. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that Stephanie Zawistowski—I cannot believe I am having trouble with this; my mother's name was Mencha Daneshevsky—be granted floor privileges during the rest of the day.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. ROBERTS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that during the remainder of the debate and consideration of the Emergency Agriculture Assistance Act, Matt Howe, a member of my staff, be granted privileges of the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. HARKIN. I ask unanimous consent that Sarah Zessar and Jason Klug be allowed floor privileges during debate on S. 1246.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MODIFIED ORDERS FOR  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2001

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the previous convening order for tomorrow be modified and provide for the convening of the Senate at 10 a.m., with the remainder of the orders still in effect, and when the Senate resumes consideration of

the Agriculture supplemental bill, Senator DASCHLE or his designee be recognized, and that at 11:00 a.m. the motion to proceed and the motion to reconsider the failed cloture vote on H.R. 2299 be agreed to, and the Senate vote without any intervening action or debate on cloture on H.R. 2299; and that the time prior to the vote be equally divided between the two leaders or their designees.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

## APPOINTMENTS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, and upon the recommendation of the Republican leader, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2761, as amended, appoints the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) as Vice Chairman of the Senate Delegation to the British-American Interparliamentary Group during the 107th Congress.

The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, in accordance with 22 U.S.C. 1928a–1928d, as amended, appoints the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) as Vice Chairman of the Senate Delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly during the 107th Congress.

## COMMENDING JAMES W. ZIGLAR

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I further ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 144, which is at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 144) commending James W. Ziglar for his service to the United States Senate.

There being no objection, the Senate will proceed to the consideration of the resolution.

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 144) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The text of the resolution is printed in today's RECORD under "Statements on Submitted Resolutions.")

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH  
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2002

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that with respect to H.R. 2647, the legislative branch appropriations bill, and pursuant to the order of July 19, 2001, the bill, as amended, be read three times, passed, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table; that the Senate insist on its amendment, request a conference with the House, and the Chair be authorized to appointment conferees.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 2647), as amended, was read the third time and passed.

Mr. REID. I further ask consent that the remaining provisions of the order of July 19 remain in effect.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The Presiding Officer (Mr. CARPER) appointed Mr. DURBIN, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. REED, Mr. BYRD, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. STEVENS, and Mr. COCHRAN conferees on the part of the Senate.

## ENFORCEMENT OF HUMANE METHODS OF SLAUGHTER ACT OF 1958

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Agriculture Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 45 and the Senate then proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the concurrent resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 45) expressing the sense of the Congress that the Humane Methods of Slaughter Act of 1958 should be fully enforced so as to prevent needless suffering of animals.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consideration of the concurrent resolution.

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, and any statements relating to this measure be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 45) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The concurrent resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. CON. RES. 45

Whereas public demand for passage of Public Law 85-765 (commonly known as the "Humane Methods of Slaughter Act of 1958") (7 U.S.C. 1901 et seq.) was so great that when President Eisenhower was asked at a press conference if he would sign the bill, he replied, "If I went by mail, I'd think no one was interested in anything but humane slaughter";

Whereas the Act requires that animals be rendered insensible to pain when they are slaughtered;

Whereas on April 10, 2001, a Washington Post front page article reported that enforcement records, interviews, videos, and worker affidavits describe repeated violations of the Act and that the Federal Government took no action against a company that was cited 22 times in 1998 for violations of the Act;

Whereas the article asserted that in 1998, the Secretary of Agriculture stopped tracking the number of humane-slaughter violations;

Whereas the article concluded that scientific evidence shows tangible economic benefits when animals are treated well;

Whereas the United States Animal Health Association passed a resolution at an October 1998 meeting to encourage strong enforcement of the Act and reiterated support for the resolution at a meeting in 2000; and